Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 23 Feb 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 24 Feb 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 22 Feb 2023 at 15:45 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for rain becoming prolonged for a time Thursday afternoon then clearing to more settled conditions from early Friday into next week.

Headline for Thursday 23 Feb 2023: Dry and bright at first becoming cloudy with rain following later.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 23 Feb 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Clear night	Clear night	Sunny intervals	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	30%	60%	80%	60%

Forecast for Thursday 23 Feb 2023

Weather: Dry with clear periods overnight. Cloud will spread southeast during the morning with rain following from the afternoon. This rain will be preceded by a band of snow above 500m and will become prolonged for a time in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 85% at first lowering to 30% by mid-afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good visibility in the morning with broken cloud above 600m. Cloud lowers to 400m from the morning with the visibility falling to poor in rain from the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	20/24 N	21/24 NW	19/22 SW	25/31 SW	28/37 SW	34/44 W	37/49 W	37/49 W	38/50 NW
900	9/13 NW	10/14 NW	10/14 W	16/23 SW	22/30 SW	24/34 W	28/39 W	27/39 W	26/37 NW
600	8/11 SW	9/12 SW	11/14 SW	17/22 SW	22/30 SW	26/35 SW	26/36 W	24/35 W	23/34 W
300	4/6 SW	4/6 S	5/7 S	8/12 SW	11/19 SW	13/22 W	14/25 W	15/27 W	15/26 NW
Glen	3/7 NW	3/7 W	3/5 W	4/10 SW	9/18 SW	11/23 W	11/26 W	12/26 W	11/26 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-14	-6/-14	-5/-13	-4/-12	-2/-11	-1/-10	-1/-9	-0/-9	-0/-9
900	-4/-9	-4/-9	-3/-9	-2/-8	0/-7	1/-6	2/-5	2/-5	2/-4
600	-1/-5	-0/-5	-0/-5	1/-5	2/-4	3/-3	4/-2	4/-2	4/-1
300	1/-1	1/-1	2/-1	2/-1	5/1	6/2	6/2	6/2	6/2
Glen	2/1	2/0	2/1	4/2	6/4	8/5	8/5	8/5	8/5
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	400m	700m	900m	1200m	1200m	1300m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

After a promising start to the morning cloud increases and lowers, strengthening winds and temperatures slowly rising from below zero make conditions feel bitterly cold.

Forecast for Friday 24 Feb 2023

Weather: Overnight rain will clear south as clear periods increase before dawn. After a frosty start, the day will be dry with sunny periods throughout.

Maximum wind: North or northwest 25-30mph gust 40mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in the early morning gradually increasing to 80% by late afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Cloud will be broken at 600-700m at first but will slowly clear to scattered at 800-900m by the afternoon. Out of the cloud the visibility will be very good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising to plus 6 Celsius.
At 800m: Zero to minus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 700m lowering to 400m by evening.

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